

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Elementary hubs may be combined with one another and form complex hubs. For example, it is possible to combine them - without being exhaustive - as follows:

- the bending of two opposite radial rings (4) on the same side of the axial ring (17) enables, by pushing two pierced teeth (7) one against the other towards the hub axis, allows to fix this said hub at the end of a tube by inserting said tube into the above mentioned teeth.
- a hub can be combined to one or several other hubs by inserting one or several radial rings (4) into the axial hole of another hub (fig. 15).
- to combine hubs with one another by inserting two radial rings (4) belonging to different hubs by placing two contiguous hubs, one over the other (fig. 16) or, side by side.--